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Negroes Buy One Hundred Thousand Dollars Worth Of War Bonds In 2nd Drive FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT GREENWOOD

Just how important Yazoo County Negroes feel the purchase of War Bonds was shown in the fine way in which they answered Uncle Sam's second call for War Bonds. The Nation asked thirteen billion dollars, \$701,000.00 of which was to be raised by Yazoo County. There are thirty thousand Negroes in Yazoo County and when all purchases were counted, they had loaned the Nation \$100,000.00, an average of over \$3.30 per person.

In various public places and on numerous literature pamphlets we see these words: "You lend your money, they give their lives." Considering this quotation, everyone would admit there is absolutely no comparison to the part we play and the part they play. Who is it among us that would exchange the cost? With this thought in mind, we believe our people recognized the great privilege they have in helping win this war by their dollars instead of by their lives, therefore, they rallied unselfishly to the cause of victory.

Dr. L. T. Miller was chairman of the Negro group and he is grateful for the loyal way in which the people responded to the call, because after all if we had not made a commendable showing, we would have failed the cause for victory and also failed to support our Chairman's efforts.

LARGEST PURCHASER

When all purchases had been recorded, it was revealed that T. J. Huddleston, Founder and Custodian of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters, was the largest Bond purchaser in Yazoo County among negroes. This widely known race leader purchased \$26,000.00 of the gold-edge security; he not only made this personal purchase, but devoted time and effort toward campaigning, going to various sections of the County, contacting and encouraging others to buy, as a result many people hold bonds which will help fight the war and safeguard their future. He was determined that his people balance on the scales of duty and loyalty to Old Glory.

PRESENTS FASHION SHOW

Mrs. Henrene Wilburn presented at the Afro-American Auditorium, Wednesday night, May 12, 1943, a fashion show. In this show was presented the different styles of dresses made in the sewing room of Yazoo High School No. 2 which marked an excellent representation of what the students are learning at the school. These articles were on exhibit the next day in their sewing room. The affair was very largely attended and those who witnessed it enjoyed the attraction.

FORGET-ME-NOT FLOWER SHOP

The name of this flower shop is the hidden secret in the bosom of the flower. Flowers are lasting memories of friendship and love. Long after the beautiful petals and leaves have died and the fragrance gone whatever message they brought, lives and lives in the heart of the receiver.

The Forget-Me-Not Flower Shop is prepared to give any type of service desired, from a lovely bouquet to the most elaborate design. Numerous species of fresh flowers are always available and the personnel of the shop renders courteous service to all.

AN EXPRESSION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAR BOND DRIVE

T. J. Huddleston, Jr., Editor and Manager
The Century Voice
Yazoo City, Mississippi
Dear Tom:

As Chairman of the Second War Loan Drive for Yazoo County I wish to tell the colored people that they did a great job in the purchase of War Bonds. The manner in which the Drive was handled by you colored people was unusually well done and the number of people contacted and the number who purchased Bonds was most gratifying.

The Century Voice gave the drive splendid publicity and I want to thank you for it.

Very truly yours,

Herbert Holmes, Chairman
Victory Fund Committee,
Yazoo County.

LARGEST PURCHASER



T. J. Huddleston, the largest Bond purchaser in the County among Negroes. He bought \$26,000.00 worth of bonds, setting another worthy example for his people.

INCREASES BOND HOLDINGS

During the last War Bond Drive, the Afro-American Sons and Daughters increased their bond holdings to \$47,500.00. This organization has been in the fight since its beginning and expects to remain until it's over over there. The Founder and Custodian, T. J. Huddleston and President, Dr. L. T. Miller, have managed the affairs of the organization most successfully during the past years and the membership can rely upon the sound leadership and good judgment of these two men. The organization has always played a big part in the life of our people but this continuation of bond purchases puts its benefits outside of the Afro circle and make it a National asset, no more than that because these \$47,000.00 will reach the other allied Nations—they will know no color or race line in their fight for victory and in the allotted time, they will come back to our posterity who will be proud to be identified with such an unselfish and loyal group.

CAN GET SHOES

Nurses' aides needing shoes can obtain them even though they have spent stamp 17 if there are no unspent stamps available from members of their families, the Office of Civilian Defense announced today.

In response to a request by OCD Director James M. Landis, the Office of Price Administration outlined its policy as follows:

"The need for special work shoes for Nurses' Aides has been recognized, and they have been given the same privileges as graduate nurses and other persons who require special shoes necessary for the performance of their jobs. To acquire nurses' white shoes, a Nurses' Aide must first use her Stamp 17. If she has none, and no stamps are available from a member of her family she may apply to her local Board for a special shoe stamp (on OPA Form R-1793).

"The use of her stamp or the stamp of a member of her family for such white shoes will not prevent her from acquiring shoes for general wear if she has none or has only one pair and needs two pairs. She may make further application to her Board for the shoes needed for general wear in such a case."

Nurses' Aides are members of the United States Citizens Defense Corps of Civilian Defense who volunteer for hospital duty and are trained under the auspices of the American Red Cross.

GRATEFUL

Mr. Herbert Holmes who was Chairman of the \$701,000.00 War Bond Drive of Yazoo County expressed to the Editor of the Century Voice his gratefulness to the supporters of the Drive. This County went over its quota more than \$100,000.00 and is said to have purchased more bonds in proportion to its population than any other County in the State.

CHAIRMAN



Dr. L. T. Miller, Chairman of his group for the Second War Bond Drive. He sacrificed his time to see that our people loaned their share of the \$701,000.00 quota for Yazoo County.

A SUCCESSFUL FARMER

It is encouraging when we see one of our group making a real success of farming. Most of our people farm, but as tenants living in farm houses which are usually too small to accommodate the family.

I had the pleasure of talking to a farmer in the Holly Bluff vicinity the other day, one who has looked far enough ahead to be an exception to the general rule. This person was Mr. James G. Williams. Mr. Williams owns seventy five acres of good fertile land on which he has two tenants. This land is free of indebtedness and he is able to make a good living. He lives in a nice looking, well furnished six room house and enjoys some of the comforts of life. We hope the day will come when more of our farmers will strive to own their own homes and make their surroundings more attractive.

THE SECRETARY



T. J. Huddleston, Jr., Secretary of the Second Bond Drive, who kept a true and accurate record of the War Bond purchases in Yazoo County. This Drive totaled \$100,000.00.

PRESENTS PLAY

Mrs. Ann Brooks and Mrs. Pemberton, teachers of the Primary Department must be complimented upon the excellent work they did in training their little tots for their commencement play. The play was staged, Monday evening, May 17, at the Afro-American Auditorium. The building was packed to its capacity and all who witnessed the brilliant and clever acting of the children spoke in words of praise for their teachers. The play, "Over The Garden Walls," was pretty in scenery and costumes and each child acted well his or her part.

The 4th Annual Convention of the Century Burial Association which recently convened at Greenwood, Mississippi was very profitable and enjoyable. A large crowd attended the Convention, however, there was evidence of the war conditions as many of the loyal and faithful agents were unable to be present.

In view of the many branches of the Association it was deemed necessary to extend the time into a night session; heretofore, all of the business and program were had during the day session. This year the program for the day included the visiting branches and the annual reports of agents and their districts. The welcome address was delivered in a masterful way by Rev. J. W. Ferrell, pastor of McKinney Baptist Church the doors to which were thrown open for our meeting. After the splendid welcome, the Branch Managers made their remarks and introduced each agent from their districts, stating some interesting phase of each agent's work. Immediately following this part of the program, Mr. T. J. Huddleston, Owner of the Century Burial Association, delivered his annual message, which was mostly centered to the work and progress of the Association. He told of the trying times under which we are going and urged everyone to stay on the field until the war is over.

Mr. Huddleston has proved worthy of being a leader and whenever he speaks and whatever he says, it always seems to serve as a tonic for the people. After his talk, Mr. T. J. Huddleston, his son and Manager of the Century Burial Association, made an interesting talk. He assured the District Managers that all caskets would receive his personal inspection and pleaded with them to be patient until the war is over at which time he would compete with the most reputable casket factories in America. This talk was followed by his brother, T. J. Huddleston, Jr., Editor of The Century Voice, who represented the cause of the paper; additional remarks relative to The Century Voice were made by Mrs. V. C. Martin, one of the members of the staff. Inspiring and congratulatory remarks were made by the visiting ministers and friends with a short sermon by Rev. W. H. Whiting, Congregational singing was enjoyed all along at intervals.

The Office Force was introduced and annual reports made. The reports were "Eye-openers," revealing the secret of agents' work and ability. Mr. J. C. Martin, of the Greenville District who has been the leading agent of the Century Burial Association and whose annual report to the office this year totalled \$318,000, was forced to take second place and surrender this honor to Mr. M. S. Hazzard of the Greenwood District. Mr. Hazzard worked all the year with Mr. Martin in sight and his efforts were crowned with success; his annual report to the office totalled \$405,784 giving him the title of the largest agent in the Association. He received the hearty applause of all present. When the total amount by districts were given another surprise was in store, because for a long time the Clarksdale District has been the leading district, this fact only set fire to Mr. John Edwards, Manager of the Greenwood District and it was a happy time with Greenwood finding that the Clarksdale District was also forced to second place.

The reading of the reports ended the day's session except for refreshments. Delicious sandwiches and cold drinks had been prepared and were served in an orderly way to everybody present.

At eight o'clock in the evening the Greenwood District rendered a delightful patriotic program. Each person who appeared was at his or her best but special emphasis must be placed on the reading by Mrs. Willie D. Holmes "The Negro Goes To War." This reading was the unadorned truth in poetry and was well presented by Mrs. Holmes.

The Century Burial Association is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards for their untiring efforts toward making the meeting a success and to the Greenwood District agents and friends. The setting of the next Convention was not voted upon, but whatever procedure is taken will probably depend on the condition caused by the war and the Association will be notified in plenty of time to make the necessary preparation.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY

The opportunity is now presenting itself to any worthwhile boy or girl to earn for themselves \$50.00 as a scholarship to any school in the United States. The plan is to sell as many subscriptions as possible. The time is now ripe for you to get busy. The Contest is still open and you may send your name in to the Editor at once. Full details will be mailed to you upon receipt of your application.